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ZAZEN SCHEDULE

MORNING (Monday-Friday)

5:30am-6:10am Zazen

6:10am-6:20am Kinhin

6:20am-7:00am Zazen

7:00am-7:20am Chanting

7:20am-7:35am Soji

EVENING (Monday-Friday)

6:00pm-6:40pm Zazen

6:40pm-6:50pm Chanting

SATURDAY MORNING

6:30am-7:15am Zazen

7:15am-7:35am Chanting

7:35am-7:55am Soji

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9:10am-9:50am Zazen

10:00am-11:00am Dharma

followed by tea/discussion.

SUNDAY - Closed

GROUPS MEETING AT HSZC:

- "Dharma Sisters", an independent group of women who sit on _____.
- HIV Sitting Group: Thursday and Friday 10:30-11:00am.
- Gay Men's Buddhist Sangha Sitting: Sundays 3-5pm.
- Other _____.

HARTFORD STREET ZEN CENTER



Rev. Myo Denis Lahey, ordained in 1986, is a dharma heir of Tenshin Reb Anderson and is the practice leader at HSZC. His article "Queer at Heart: Dharma Practice and the 'Gay Self'" is published in the anthology *Queer Dharma*.



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Hartford Street Meeting Center Use of Premises Policy

Board of Director's policy statement on use of public meeting spaces at Hartford Street Zen Center (HSZC):

Capacity: A maximum of 10 persons in the living room and an additional 15 if the dining room space is utilized. The Zendo capacity is 20 persons. Kitchen and garden space also available.

Accountability: Each group's organizer(s) assume(s) full responsibility for the conduct of participants and agree(s) not to engage in any activities that are in conflict with the identity of this Buddhist community.

Rates, times, availability and/or questions:
415-863-2507; email hszc108@yahoo.com.

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Mission Statement

Hartford Street Zen Center is a small Buddhist center in the Soto Zen tradition. Opened in the heart of the Castro in 1981, it was founded by a small group of gay and lesbian Buddhists for the benefit of this neighborhood and community.



Founder: Issan Dorsey

Meditation (Zazen)

The central practice of Zen is meditation and we offer instruction and practice on a frequent and regular basis. This meditation can also be approached in a secular (non-religious) manner. The culture at this center is traditional and open, informal, warm and welcoming.

In addition to a regular schedule of zazen (meditation), special services, formal talks, informal presentations and group discussions, HSZC also offers other events and community services.

Visit our website: www.hszc.org.

HSZC Founder: Issan Dorsey

Issan Dorsey, born Tommy Dorsey in Santa Barbara, CA in 1933, was a drag performer in shows in SF's North Beach in the 1950s. His billing was "Tommy Dee, the boy who looks like the girl next door." In the 1960s, he became part of the SF hippie movement and founded a commune. Regular and extreme use of alcohol and drugs became part of his lifestyle punctuated by numerous overdoses and arrests.

Tommy's life was transformed in the late 1960s when he began exploring Buddhism and sitting zazen with Shunryu Suzuki Roshi (founder SF Zen Center). He was eventually ordained as a Buddhist priest, named Issan.

He opened HSZC in 1981 and when the AIDS pandemic broke out in SF, Dorsey brought a young man dying of AIDS to live at Hartford Street. This resulted in founding Maitri in 1987, which grew to be a model hospice for persons dying of AIDS. Issan Dorsey died of AIDS-related complications at Maitri on September 6, 1990.

Dorsey creatively integrated his Zen training into his unorthodox personality and lifestyle. His generous, loving nature has made him a significant, remarkably unusual and dearly beloved landmark in American Buddhism.

DANA (generosity) helps us keep our doors open and be able to provide loving and relevant support for our community.